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CONVERSATION BETWEEN "TULIP" AND "GNAT".

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To: PEROV.

On 24th June TULIP [TYUL'PAN][i] made the acquaintance of GNAT [KOMAR][ii] in the DALLIN-ESTRINA[iii] flat. From 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. [O% approximately] [D% they passed the time talking [PROGOVORILI]] in DALLIN's flat. From 12 to 4 a.m. in TULIP's [TYUL'PAN] flat. The conversation brought the following to light:

1. In the winter of 1944 GNAT [KOMAR] was directed to ESTRINA[iii] by a citizen[iv] of our[a] [B% working] in our[a] [B% institution] in CARTHAGE [KARFAGEN][v]. This fellow [12 groups unrecovered] did [D% not] name).

2. A close friend of G.'s [K.][vi] in the U.S.S.R., Konstantin Mikhaïlovich[vii] (G. [K.] did not mention his surname), was arrested in 1936 after his arrival from the COUNTRY [STRANA][viii] by order of the Head of the CHELYABINSK Directorate, KOLBIN. In 1938 Konstantin Mikhaïlovich was set free and [B% on arrival] in SKYRNA [SKYRNA][ix] met G. [K.] at the Hotel Metropole. Before G.'s [K.] departure for the COUNTRY this Konstantin Mikhaïlovich gave him instructions on how to work against the U.S.S.R. Recently G. [K.] is supposed to have

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learnt from the papers that Konstantin Mikhaïlovich has been awarded a STALIN Prize for metallurgy. G. [K.] emphasised that K.M. was an out and out [C% enemy] of the Soviet [C% State].

3. G. [K.] began to share the views of the BUKHARIN opposition in 1932 in CHELYABINSK.

4. G.'s [K.] first two articles will be published in the near future in the magazine "COSMOPOLITAN". G. [K.] will get 4000 dollars for the articles.

5. For his first book G. [K.] will get 9000 dollars from the publishers

[33 groups unrecovered]
whether ADAM's [ADAM] candidacy
[22 or 23 groups unrecovered]

T.N.: [a] Prpbably means Soviet rather than NKGB.

Comments: [i] TTUL' PAN: changed to KANT in message No. 1251 of 2 Sept. 1944 (PH 80).

[ii] KOMAR: Viktor Andreevich KRAVCHENKO.

[iii] Lydia ESTRINA, now Mrs. David J. DALLIN.

[iv] For this person see message No. 951 of 4 July 1944 [S/NBF/T84] and the comment thereto, which suggested that the person was Sara-Sonya JUDEY (see NEKALER).

[v] KARPAGEN: WASHINGTON, D.C.

[vi] K.: i.e. KOMAR.

[vii] Presumably Konstantin Mikhaïlovich KOLPOVSKIY, who was arrested at SVERDLOVSK in the summer of 1936 by KOLBIN, Head of the Special Department of the NOVO-TRUBNI Plant in PERVOURAL'SK [see "I Chose Freedom" by Viktor A. KRAVCHENKO].

[viii] STRANA: the U.S.A.

[ix] SMIRNA: MOSCOW.

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